



Lamoine Board of Selectmen Minutes of December 21, 2006

Chair Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM

Present were: Selectmen Brett Jones, Richard Fennelly Jr., Perry Fowler, Cynthia Donaldson, S. Josephine Cooper; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Mike Jordan

The meeting was televised and recorded by Lamoine Cable TV.

Agenda – There were two items on an addendum, and no changes to the printed original agenda.

Minutes – Jo noted one spelling correction and moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Perry 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0, Fennelly abstained.**

Consent Agreement – Stu reported that the Planning Board recommended that the Selectmen seek a consent agreement with the Belches in regard to the shore frontage issue at the Boulder Cove Subdivision. He asked the Selectmen to authorize him to contact town attorney Tony Beardsley to draft one up. Perry so moved. Brett 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Cable TV – Stu reported that it looks like a few roads in the Meadow Point Subdivision would get cable service. He said he looked at Walker Road, and only two poles don't have CTV wires run to them. A short discussion followed.

Bangor Hydro Transmission Line – Stu reported Bangor Hydro has filed for permission to build with the Public Utilities Commission and a copy was in the Selectmen's packet.

Registrar of Voters – Jo moved to appoint Jennifer Kovacs as Registrar of Voters from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009. Perry 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

School Building Referendum – Moderator – Stu said it would be difficult for him to act as both Town Clerk and Moderator for the vote on the 23rd. He said he spoke with Harvey Kelley earlier in the week and he is willing to moderate the voting. Selectmen said that would be OK.

Presentations – Richard said he would like to add a column in the spreadsheet that has been published to show the percentage of increase compared to the 2006/07 tax rate from the school project. He handed out a spreadsheet that included those columns. A short

explanation followed. Jo said she had no problem with that. She said she would like to make it clear that they hope to offset some of the cost for the addition with the gravel money and the Jina's Gym fund. Brett said that should probably be put toward the principle of the loan. Discussions followed about how to structure the payments and the impact the rest of the budget would have on property taxes. Selectmen said they would like to see a printout of what the annual costs would be if the bond were reduced by \$350,000 (\$200,000 from the gravel money, \$150,000 from the Jina's Gym fund).

Richard noted that State Aid to Education could be impacted by a declining student population and an increase in local valuation higher than the rate of state growth. Stu said the General Purpose Aid payments have remained stable in Lamoine, and a valuation increase impact generally is in relation to larger cities. A short discussion occurred on town growth and the impact on state aid to education, and the impact of future budget items and development on the property tax rate.

Budget – Stu said he is proposing some adjustments in surplus use and other revenues so the proposed municipal budget can come in under the LD-1 limit. A discussion followed on possibly applying some surplus toward the school construction project.

Stu asked if it was OK to communicate the Board's desire to use the other funds to lower the loan principle. Selectmen said it would be. A short discussion followed on the possibility of structuring the loan so there would be no early repayment penalty.

Treasurer's Report – Selectmen signed expenditure warrant 12 for \$65,795.93. Stu noted the bulk of the payments were for the school payroll and snow plowing. A short discussion of snow plowing in a non-snowy winter followed.

Cash & Budget – There were no questions about the written report.

Checking Reconciliation – Selectmen signed the statement expressing satisfaction with the review of the checking account.

Encumbered Projects – Selectmen said they liked the way the report was laid out.

Audit- Jo & Stu signed the management representation letter for James Wadman, CPA. Selectmen had a few questions about the various accounts in the year end list.

Cards – Selectmen signed several cards to extend congratulations and well wishes to a number of residents.

Town Report – Selectmen expressed satisfaction with the front cover as proposed and the dedication as proposed. They asked Stu to check locally for a printing price as well as with the previous printer in Augusta.

Audit Contract – Jo moved to renew the contract with James W. Wadman, CPA as proposed. Cynthia 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.** Jo signed the contract.

Other Business – Blunt's Pond Access – Perry reported he looked at the area proposed by Stuart Branch as an alternative access to Bloomfield Park. He said he didn't have an exact figure yet, but it was fairly minimal work that would be easy to do.

Road Grading – Perry said he would clean up the sod clumps left by the grading project. Jo said she'd heard good comments about Seal Point Road. Richard said he'd received one complaint, but not from a Seal Point Road resident.

FEMA Mapping – Selectmen expressed their thanks to Fred Stocking for his written report on the flood plain meeting. Richard noted the maps are inaccurate and inadequate, but it doesn't look like much of a change will be coming. A short discussion followed.

Executive Session – Jo moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1MRSA §405(6)(F) to discuss an application for abatement. Perry 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0 at 8:05 PM**

Out at 8:15 PM

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst.